



[Home](#) › [Statistics](#) › [Labour](#) › [Jobs](#) › [Weekly Payroll Jobs](#) › Week ending 3 July 2021



This is not the latest release

[View the latest release](#)

Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia

Payroll jobs and wages estimates, sourced from Single Touch Payroll (STP) data

Reference period Week ending 3 July 2021

Released 22/07/2021

On this page

[Key statistics](#)

[Suspension of wages estimates](#)

[National](#)

[State and territory](#)

[Sex](#)

[Age group](#)

[Industry](#)

[Employment size](#)

[Data downloads](#)

[Changes in this release](#)

[Upcoming changes to this release](#)

[Previous articles](#)

[Methodology](#)

[Media releases](#)

Key statistics

- Payroll jobs decreased by 1.0% between the weeks ending 19 June and 3 July 2021.
- Wages estimates have been withdrawn to allow for more complete business reporting and analysis of higher than usual variation in wages over the end of financial year period.

Updated estimates of payroll jobs by both industry subdivision and sub-state regions are included in this release. Estimates of payroll jobs by Greater Capital City Statistical Area regions have also been added for the first time.

Suspension of wages estimates

Around the end of the financial year there is a greater variation in business reporting, as businesses finalise their employee's earning information and the financial year is reset in payroll systems. This variability in reporting makes the production of high quality wages indexes difficult. As a result, wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release, until more complete data is received for July.

Wages estimates throughout this release (in both tables and data downloads) have been replaced with 'not available' (na or NA) while these estimates remain withdrawn.

Data download Tables 1, 2 and 3 have also been permanently withdrawn in this release. The retirement of these tables were planned as part of the transition to a monthly release frequency, but have been withdrawn earlier due to the suspension of wages estimates. Underlying payroll jobs data continue to be available in Table 4 of the Data downloads.

National

In the fortnight up to the week ending 3 July 2021:

- Payroll jobs decreased by 1.0%, compared to an increase of 0.4% in the previous fortnight

Table 1 - Percentage change in payroll jobs and wages (a)

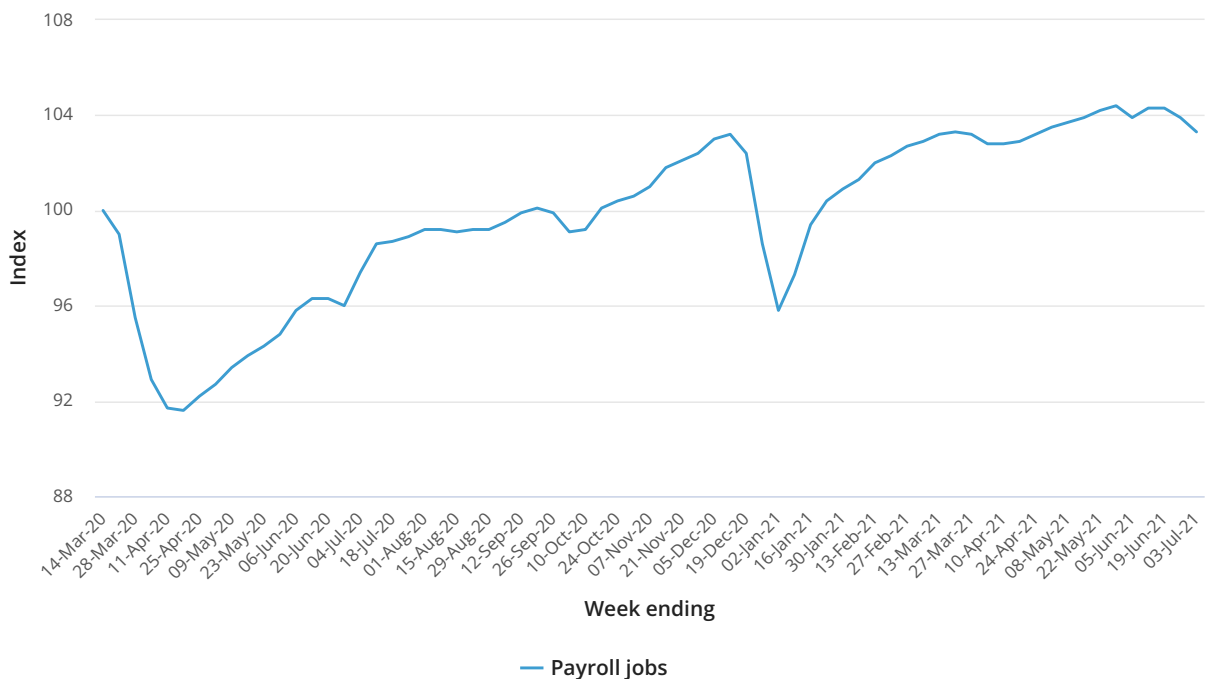
	In the fortnight since 19 Jun 2021	In the month since 5 Jun 2021	In the year since 4 Jul 2020
Payroll jobs	-1.0%	-0.6%	6.0%
Total wages	na	na	na

a. Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of](#)

[wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\).](#)

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded index values. They may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded index values.

Graph 1 - Payroll jobs and total wages, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020 (a)(b)



- Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in estimates. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\).](#)
- Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\).](#)

State and territory

All geographical areas in this release represent the residential address of the jobholder.

The largest changes in states and territories in the fortnight up to the week ending 3

July 2021 were:

Payroll jobs:

- New South Wales decreased by 1.4%
- Northern Territory decreased by 1.4%
- Western Australia decreased by 1.1%

Table 2 - Percentage change by states and territories

	Payroll jobs	Total wages (a)		
	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (b)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (b)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021
New South Wales	-1.4%	2.9%	na	na
Victoria	-0.5%	1.9%	na	na
Queensland	-1.0%	3.7%	na	na
South Australia	-0.5%	5.0%	na	na
Western Australia	-1.1%	5.8%	na	na
Tasmania	-0.1%	2.9%	na	na
Northern Territory	-1.4%	7.3%	na	na
Australian Capital Territory	-0.5%	2.6%	na	na
Australia	-1.0%	3.3%	na	na

a. Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](#).

b. Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in estimates. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

Map 1 - State and territory percentage change in payroll jobs, in the fortnight to 3 July 2021

Loading map...

Sub-state - payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by sub-state regions, Statistical Area 4 (SA4) and Statistical Area 3 (SA3), are presented as index values through to the week ending 3 July 2021 in Table 5 of the Data downloads. These estimates are only updated in alternate releases.

For more information on the geography used in this release, see the [Glossary \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#glossary\)](#).

Greater capital city statistical area regions - payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) regions are available for the first time in this release, in Table 5A of the Data downloads.

Estimates of payroll jobs by Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) regions will be available alongside future releases of sub-state region estimates.

See the [Glossary \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#glossary\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#glossary) for more information on GCCSA regions.

Map 2 - GCCSA regions percentage change in payroll jobs, in the fortnight to 3 July 2021

Loading map...

The ACT only has one GCCSA region for the entire Territory.

Sex

In the fortnight up to the week ending 3 July 2021:

Payroll jobs:

- Worked by males decreased by 1.2%
- Worked by females decreased by 0.8%

Table 3 - Percentage change by sex (a)

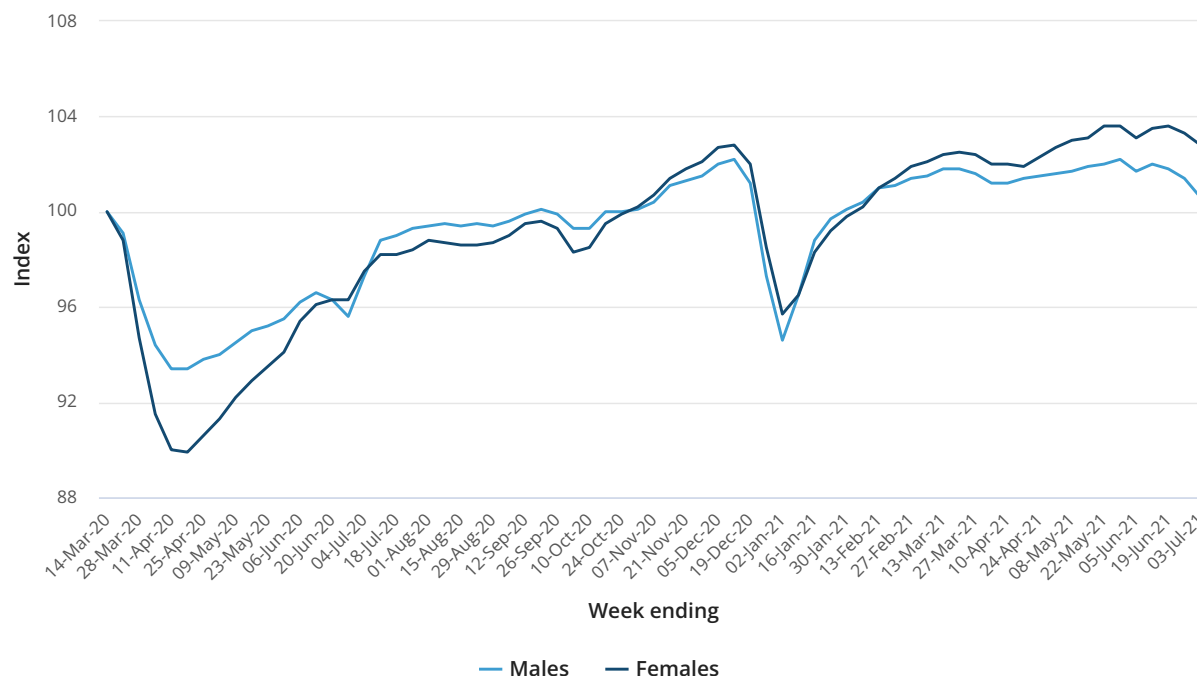
	Payroll jobs		Total wages (b)	
	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (c)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (c)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021
Males	-1.2%	0.6%	na	na
Females	-0.8%	2.8%	na	na
All persons	-1.0%	3.3%	na	na

a. Persons with 'unknown' sex are only included in the calculation of All persons indexes. For more information, see Data components, totals and index calculation in [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

b. Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](#).

c. Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in estimates. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

Graph 2 - Payroll jobs by sex, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020 (a)



a. Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in payroll jobs. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

Age group

The largest changes in age groups in the fortnight up to the week ending 3 July 2021 were:

Payroll jobs:

- Worked by people aged 15-19 decreased by 1.6%
- Worked by people aged 20-29 decreased by 1.3%

Table 4 - Percentage change by age group

	Payroll jobs		Total wages (a)	
	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (b)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (b)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021
15-19 year olds	-1.6%	2.4%	na	na
20-29 year olds	-1.3%	1.4%	na	na
30-39 year olds	-1.1%	3.3%	na	na
40-49 year olds	-0.9%	2.5%	na	na
50-59 year olds	-0.6%	3.8%	na	na
60-69 year olds	-0.1%	8.5%	na	na
Aged 70 years and over	0.1%	11.3%	na	na
All persons	-1.0%	3.3%	na	na

a. Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](#).

b. Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in estimates. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

5 year age groups

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by 5 year age groups (presented as index values) up to the week ending 3 July 2021 are available in Table 8 of the Data downloads.

Industry

The largest changes in industries in the fortnight up to the week ending 3 July 2021 were:

Payroll jobs:

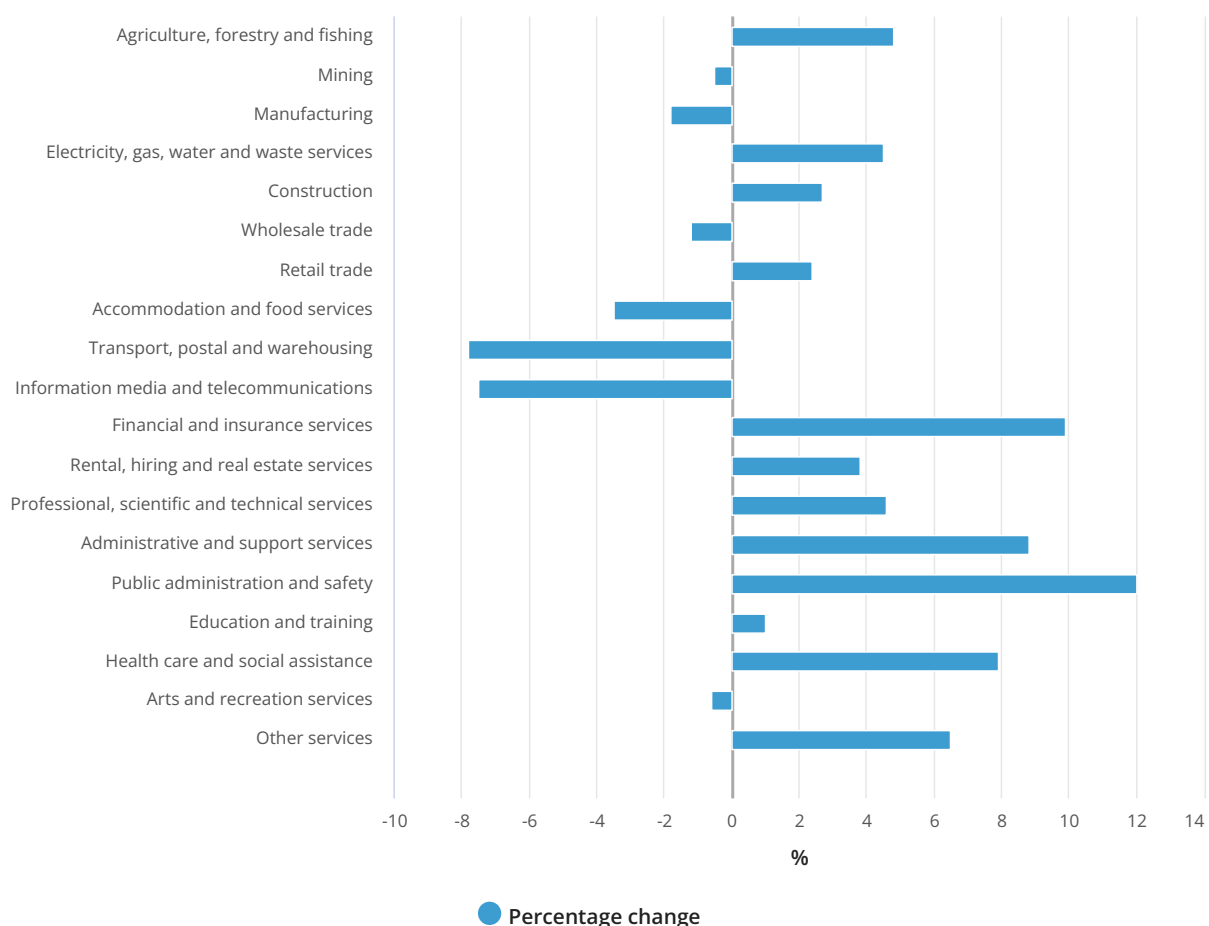
- Transport, postal and warehousing decreased by 3.0%
- Professional, scientific and technical services decreased by 2.5%

Table 5 - Percentage change by industry

	Payroll jobs (a)		Total wages (a)(b)	
	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (c)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (c)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-0.6%	4.8%	na	na
Mining	-1.2%	-0.5%	na	na
Manufacturing	-1.8%	-1.8%	na	na
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	-0.1%	4.5%	na	na
Construction	-1.5%	2.7%	na	na
Wholesale trade	-1.3%	-1.2%	na	na
Retail trade	-0.1%	2.4%	na	na
Accommodation and food services	-1.7%	-3.5%	na	na
Transport, postal and warehousing	-3.0%	-7.8%	na	na
Information media and telecommunications	-1.6%	-7.5%	na	na
Financial and insurance services	0.0%	9.9%	na	na
Rental, hiring and real estate services	-0.6%	3.8%	na	na
Professional, scientific and technical services	-2.5%	4.6%	na	na
Administrative and support services	-0.9%	8.8%	na	na
Public administration and safety	0.8%	12.0%	na	na
Education and training	-0.3%	1.0%	na	na
Health care and social assistance	-0.7%	7.9%	na	na
Arts and recreation services	-0.8%	-0.6%	na	na
Other services	-1.4%	6.5%	na	na
All industries	-1.0%	3.3%	na	na

- a. Some industries experience pronounced seasonality in either payroll jobs and wages or both. For more information, see Seasonality in [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).
- b. Wages estimates have been withdrawn from this release. For more information, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](#).
- c. Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in estimates. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](#).

Graph 3 - Percentage change in payroll jobs by Industry between 14 March 2020 and 3 July 2021



Industry subdivision - Payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by industry subdivision (presented as index values) up to the week ending 3 July 2021 are available in Table 6 of the Data downloads. These estimates are only updated in alternate releases.

For more information on the industry classifications used in this release, see the [Glossary \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#glossary\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#glossary).

Employment size

Recent movements in payroll jobs by employment size are subject to higher than usual levels of revision (over a longer period) than other estimates. This is particularly the case for small employers (with under 20 employees). Further information is presented on the impact of revisions on the small employers index, in Variation in revisions in [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions).

Table 6 - Percentage change in payroll jobs by employment size (a)

	Change between 19 Jun 2021 and 3 Jul 2021 (b)	Change between 14 Mar 2020 and 3 Jul 2021 (c)
Under 20 employees	-0.7%	5.1%
20-199 employees	-1.2%	5.7%
200 employees and over	-1.1%	1.2%
All businesses	-1.0%	3.3%

- Records with 'unknown' employment size are only included in the calculation of All businesses indexes. For more information, see Data components, totals and index calculation in [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions).
- Care should be exercised when focusing on the most recent movements in payroll jobs. For more information, see [Data limitations and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#data-limitations-and-revisions).
- Care should be exercised when referring to change in employment size pre and post characteristics update. For more information, see Update of employer characteristics in [Methods review \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#methods-review\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-3-july-2021#methods-review).

Data downloads

Table 1: National spotlight

This table has been withdrawn, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates) for further information.

Table 2: State and territory spotlight

This table has been withdrawn, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates) for further information.

Table 3: Industry spotlight

This table has been withdrawn, see [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates) for further information.

Table 4: Payroll jobs and wages indexes

Wages estimates within this download have been withdrawn. See [Suspension of wages estimates \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-3-july-2021#suspension-of-wages-estimates) for further information.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[2.48 MB]

Table 5: Sub-state - Payroll jobs indexes

These estimates were updated to the week ending 3 July 2021 on Thursday 22 July 2021.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[244.81 KB]

Table 5a: Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) regions - Payroll jobs indexes

New estimates in this release, now available in the same release pattern as sub-state region estimates.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[45.86 KB]

Table 6: Industry subdivision - Payroll jobs indexes

These estimates are updated in alternate releases. They were updated to the week ending 3 July 2021 on Thursday 22 July 2021.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[76.82 KB]

Table 7: Employer characteristics - Payroll jobs index

Contains estimates of payroll jobs by employment size, including state and territory dimension.

[↓ Download XLSX](#)

[49.48 KB]

Table 8: Jobholder characteristics - Payroll jobs index

Contains estimates of payroll jobs by 5 year age groups.

[↓ Download XLSX](#)

[55.02 KB]

All data cubes

[↓ Download ZIP](#)

[1.65 MB]

Changes in this release

The following section was updated in this release:

- Withdrawal of Data downloads: Tables 1, 2 and 3 will no longer be included in this release
- New data download: inclusion of Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) region estimates, in Table 5a of the Data downloads

The following sections of the Methodology were updated in this release:

- Data limitations and revisions: new subsection added on end of financial year reporting

Upcoming changes to this release

The transition of the Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia to a monthly frequency has been delayed, due to the unfolding pandemic situation around the country. In line with our rapid response capability, fortnightly releases have been continued to prioritise timeliness of estimates surrounding changing COVID19 circumstances.

The last fortnightly release with a 19-day lag will be for the week ending 17 July 2021, to be released Thursday 5 August.

An additional 'fortnightly' release with a 26-day lag will be released on Thursday 26 August for the week ending 31 July 2021.

First monthly release

The first monthly release, for the week ending 14 August 2021 is scheduled for 9 September 2021. Weekly estimates will continue to be available back to 4 January 2020.

The time between the reference week and the release date will be extended by around 9 days, to deliver a 26-day lag in the compilation of estimates. This allows for more complete business reporting and a reduction in the level of imputation in the most recent weeks of data, improving the quality of estimates and reducing subsequent revision.

In addition to quality improvements, the frequency change will also enable an expansion of outputs which will be detailed in a future release.

The first monthly release would have also seen the retirement of Data download tables 1, 2 and 3. However, the suspension of wages estimates in this release has resulted in their early withdrawal. Underlying payroll jobs data continue to be available in Table 4 of the Data downloads.

For more information, please contact labour.statistics@abs.gov.au (<mailto:labour.statistics@abs.gov.au>).

Previous articles

Previously published articles and information of interest are linked below:

- [Distribution of jobholder and employer characteristics \(/articles/distribution-jobholder-and-employer-characteristics\)](#) provides selected distributions to aid in interpreting estimates produced from STP data
- [A year of COVID-19 through payroll jobs and wages statistics \(/articles/year-covid-19-through-payroll-jobs-and-wages-statistics\)](#) reviews payroll jobs and wages in the year since Australia's 100th case of COVID-19
- [Year-end data variability \(/articles/year-end-data-variability\)](#) provides some context on seasonality and seasonal variation
- [Secondary jobs \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-17-october-2020#secondary-jobs\)](#) provides insight into multiple jobholders
- [Incorporating JobKeeper supported payments into Weekly payroll jobs and wages in Australia \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-30-may-2020#incorporating-jobkeeper-supported-back-payments-into-weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-in-australia\)](#) describes how JobKeeper payments are included

Previous catalogue number

This release previously used catalogue number 6160.0.55.001.

Methodology

[Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia methodology, Week ending 3 July 2021](#)